

EVANGELIST PAYS PAPERS TRIBUTE

Then He Preaches Two Strong Sermons, One on Obligation to God and One on Hell.

"Chattanooga should be proud of and appreciate her splendid newspapers," was a part of an expression of his own appreciation of the papers by Rev. Luther B. Bridgers, who is conducting a series of revival services at Centenary church, Sunday morning preliminary to his sermon.

Mr. Bridgers was saying a word of appreciation for the support the papers had given the services during the past week and he said he made this acknowledgment early because he had so many other things to think about he was afraid if he waited to the end of the series he might forget to thank the papers for what they had done.

He said he appreciated this service and assistance more because at such a time as this he knew the papers were overrun with work in handling the vast volume of news that was breaking. He said the newspapers of a city were its most indispensable asset and Chattanooga was fortunate in having two such excellent papers. He took occasion to mention both papers by name and complimented them on the splendid manner in which they handled the news of the day.

He said that The News, coming out with its first edition in the middle of the day, brought the latest war news, in which the public was just now so vitally interested, and he felt sure the people of Chattanooga appreciated this piece of enterprise. He said he had been here only a week, yet he himself looked for the early edition of the paper, and he wanted to say that he thought the Chattanooga papers were splendid and equal to any of other cities he had visited.

Again, in his preliminary remarks, the evangelist said that some one had said to the soldier boys: "Because you are fighting for so good a cause God will take care of your souls," indicating that no matter what their lives might be, they need pay no attention to the welfare of their souls. He said he wanted to refute this. There must be divine love in their hearts; they must have that unselfish love of God that comes with the Christian experience.

The preacher then took as his text Galatians v:6: "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love," and from this text preached a sermon of force and effectiveness.

The evangelist said that under the old dispensation it was the custom to offer as a sacrifice the best of the flocks once a year, but under the new dispensation this was done away with and transferred to a moral obligation to God. He said circumcision was the door to the Jewish church as baptism is to the Christian church. These forms

**Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA**

DEAF MAID IS PIANO GENIUS



Deafness has not prevented this remarkable 15-year-old girl from becoming master of the piano. Despite her affliction and her youth, Miss Leah Wagner, of Salt Lake, Utah, has startled critics with her rendition of concertos and extremely difficult piano numbers. She says her tone expression is gauged by the vibrations of the keys—through the sense of touch.

She was all right and proper, and without disparagement of the forms and customs he wanted to emphasize the fact that it was an unbroken affection and obligation to God which counted.

"The great test is an unselfish love for God. It is that which sustains loyalty, and if you have not that, all else counts for naught," said the preacher. "If God has your love he has everything else that is needed. There may be differences over the non-essentials, but true religion operates through the channels of men's souls. If I did not have too much religion I would have too much respect for your intelligence to stand up here and tell you that the Methodist church was the only road to salvation."

The preacher earnestly urged his hearers to give themselves wholly to God. Holiness, cleanliness and work were the things God wanted, he declared and nothing less than pure, clean lives counted.

"Your obligation, then, is for a holy, clean life," said the preacher, "and oh, that God may baptize you with the baptism of love."

Mr. Bridgers, in the course of his sermon touching on the war and the great principles for which the United States had entered the conflict, declared it to be the duty of every man to help win a victory with sacrifice and prayer. He urged the people to buy liberty bonds and give their time to the great struggle for liberty and democracy. He said the boys in the trenches cannot win alone; they must

have help from those who stay at home.

He declared that there was nothing in the talk of the German war machine falling. The only thing that will win the war, he said, is for Uncle Sam to go over and knock the nails off of the mailed fist and plant in the hearts of the German nation the foundation of democracy and liberty. This, he said, is no time to talk peace when the nation is threatened with hell and destruction. This declaration was greeted with handclapping and applause from the great audience, which filled every foot of available space in the auditorium.

Preaches on Hell.

Last night Mr. Bridgers preached on hell, taking as his text the story of Lazarus at the rich man's gate. He said that just now the world was in the throes of an awful conflict and the people must realize that this has grown out of a disregard of God's laws. "We have become puffed up in our pride; we have bragged about our money and our power until we have become so proud in our covetousness that we have almost forgotten the justice of God's laws."

He said that the doctrine of hell had become very impracticable in these days and times. Some smart people say they have too much sense to believe in such a doctrine.

The story of Lazarus and the rich man, who raised up his voice in torment and begged Abraham to send a warning to his brethren established the fact that there was a hell and that there was a consciousness in the grave, for the Bible says that the rich man lifted up his voice, being in torment, and begged Abraham, whom he saw afar off, to send a warning message to his brethren.

The preacher said future happiness was dependent on the kind of life men led on earth. Men do not lie down and die like brutes, but at the final judgment they must answer for the deeds done in the flesh. The devil is seeking to blind the eyes of men to the consequences of sin, and also seeks to pour something syrup down the throats of so-called intelligent people, lulling them to sleep and eternal death. Any doctrine that denies the personality of Christ and provides for a second chance after death, such as that promulgated by the late Pastor Russell, is liable to lead to the publishing of all kinds of heresies and is responsible at this time for the issuing of that book entitled "The Finished Mystery," which the government is confiscating from storehouses in all sections of the country because of its pernicious teaching. Being untrue to man's personal destiny, it is untrue to the country that shields him. Sin shuts a man off from God, and eternal death means eternal separation from God.

The preacher elaborated on the text in a most intelligent and instructive manner and closed with a plea for better lives and a service to God, which would insure to them that eternal happiness promised in the final day.

He emphasized in his closing remarks the influence of home and mother's prayer.

The congregation at night was larger than that at the morning service and the deepest interest was manifested in the sermon and a great many went forward for prayer in response to the invitation.

Mr. Bridgers and Mr. Wolslager, the director of the music, sang a duet at the morning service, and James Westbrook, of Fort Oglethorpe, a former evangelist singer, sang a solo at the evening service. Mr. Bridgers will preach again at 7:30 o'clock tonight and at 11 a.m. every day during the coming week.

ANOTHER POOR SHOW FOR CHATTANOOGA

Neil O'Brien's Minstrels Disappointing—"Bird of Paradise" Coming With Unknown Cast

A packed house, even to standing room in spite of fire regulations, saw Neil O'Brien's mediocre minstrels at the Lyric theater Saturday night—a living demonstration of the fact that Chattanooga needs and should have theatrical productions. The audience was good-natured and tried its best to work up an occasional laugh, so famished were they for entertainment, but the meriment dwindled away lamely, and most jokes were applauded rather than laughed at, the surest evidence of the audience's good will but the lack of real punch to the lines. Neil O'Brien himself was least of all effective. A few comedy collapsible props helped out. Eddie Ross got across in a droll way. He played the banjo well. Though there were some pleasing melodies there was no voice that could be really called exceptional, and the end-man jokes were for the most part of the vintage of the sixties.

The production, however, was simply along the line of the run of attractions that the Signal Amusement company is dishing out to Chattanooga. With the theaters of Chattanooga tied up so that there is no look-in for competition, and with prices of materials too high for the probable building of a theater by other interests, there seems little hope.

The same applies to the vaudeville offering. Few acts, indeed, of first-rate standards are ever booked, and in spite of the somewhat pretentious use of the term "Keith's," Loew's acts came in, but connected with the Signal company, and though known throughout the states as second-rate time, they stood well alongside Lyric bookings. Theatergoers showed their appreciation; the Lyric was generally packed, but something went wrong and the Lyric was killed. Its remaining days were doomed to a sort of tabloid offering that beggars words.

To a more moderate extent Chattanooga is delinquent in its picture offerings. Many of the new and best releases are slow coming here. Many don't come at all. Some come after they have shown everywhere else, and possibly, in fact, logically—are available cheaper.

"Bird of Paradise" Coming.

Next on the calendar of legitimate attractions coming to the Lyric is "The Bird of Paradise." Shown in New York five seasons ago with Laurette Taylor in the lead, the play was a beautiful spectacle. The scenic effects were worked out with wonderful detail and vividness. The cast was strong, the story gripping. Little is known of the merits of the production, that comes here early in April, except that the names of the prin-

cipals have never been heard of. With a good cast and well staged and equipped with scenery "The Bird of Paradise" would be well worth seeing, despite its age. If these qualities are lacking there can be little left to see.

CHICKEN THIEVES ROB YARD OF ALL HENS

Leave Roosters Lords of Yard but Not of Flock, for No Flocks Were Left.

If certain roosters in Ridgedale appear downhearted and troubled Monday, they cannot be blamed, for they have perfectly satisfactory reasons for their drooping spirits.

These particular roosters are no longer lords of the flock; there are no flocks to rule over.

Chicken thieves of a fastidious taste left the poor old roosters entirely out of their transactions when they invaded fowl roosts on Lewis and Woodward streets Sunday night and took unto themselves about 100 hens.

Setting hens were not disturbed, but the other plump cacklers fell into the hands of the thieves.

Among the victims of the roost invaders were Prof. J. E. Walker, J. E. Cooke, S. Walter Edgmon and Chester Padgett, all residing on Lewis street, and M. F. Wilkerson, who resides on Woodward street.

Mr. Cooke is a member of The News' composing force, and he lost eleven Rhode Island Reds. Two setting hens and two roosters belonging to Mr. Cooke were left behind. Mr. Edgmon also lost a large number of Rhode Island Reds, one rooster and several setting hens belonging to him also being left behind.

Grocers Can Open Their Doors Earlier

Food Administrator Abel has extended half an hour the time given grocers to open their business. Hereafter doors can be opened at 5:30 in the morning instead of 6 o'clock, which was too late an hour for many consumers who were compelled to go to work at an early hour. It is stated that Administrator Abel has the names of several grocers who have been violating the food regulations, and that drastic action will be taken.

Much Interest Manifested in Dr. Hill's Revival Services

The revival service at the First Christian church continues to attract much interest and large congregations. Sunday was a banner day in the series and Dr. Claude E. Hill preached to large congregations at both morning and evening services. The music, under the leadership of Prof. Hobbatt, is very inspiring and proves a feature of the services.

Dr. Hill will preach at 7:45 o'clock each evening during the week. He will preach tonight on "Heaven," and the Paul Campbell Sunday school class will furnish the special music for the occasion. The evening services close promptly at 9 o'clock.



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